

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Keith A. Etling Confirmation No.: 9125
 Application No.: 10/749,762 Group No.: 3676
 Filed: December 31, 2003 Examiner: Alison K. Pickard
 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING SURFACES

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

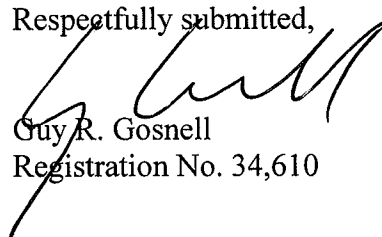
1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006.
2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

- A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
- All fees are being authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605 when electronically filing
- Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,


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